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5 In re application of:) Docket No: SUNMP043C
GONG) Group Art Unit: 2137
Application No: 09/607,514) Examiner: Caldwell, Andy
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:


35 A telephone interview was conducted with Examiner Caldwell on September 24, 2004, to discuss deficiencies in the Advisory Action mailed on August 27, 2004. The deficiencies discussed included non-entry of the claim amendments in the after-final Amendment submitted on June 21, 2004, and failure to properly indicate that the aforementioned after-final Amendment was filed within the two-month period extending
40 from the date of the Final Office Action.

Examiner Caldwell agreed that the previous Examiner (Douglas Meislahn) should have allowed entry of the claim amendments included in the Amendment submitted on June 21, 2004. More specifically, the amendments included cancellation of dependent

claims which were incorporated into the independent claims, and thus no new issues were raised by such amendments. Examiner Caldwell also agreed that box "b)" should have been checked on the Advisory Action, rather than box "a)," to properly indicate that the response to the Final Office Action was filed within the two-month period extending from the date of the Final Office Action. Examiner Caldwell agreed to generate and mail a corrected Advisory Action. The corrected Advisory Action will note entry of the claim amendments included in the Amendment submitted on June 21, 2004, and will properly indicate that the response to the Final Office Action was filed within the two-month period extending from the mailing date of the Final Office Action. Examiner Caldwell further indicated that even though the claim amendments will be entered, the claims as-amended would not be sufficient to place the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant is filing a Notice of Appeal along with this Interview Summary.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6900, ext. 6914.

Respectfully submitted,
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